

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1-8 have been currently amended, and original Claims 9-11 have been canceled. Claim amendments were made relative to original Claims 1-8, as provided in the Article 34 Amendments. Support for the amended claims can be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Particular support for amended claims can be found in the respective original claims. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amended claims.

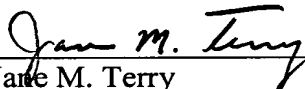
Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is now in condition for examination on the merits, and request early notice of such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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